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By Representatives Pettigrew, Boldt, Kagi, Edwards and Kenney; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

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1 AN ACT Relating to income and resources reporting requirements  
2 under the public assistance program; and amending RCW 74.04.300.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.04.300 and 1998 c 79 s 7 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 If a recipient receives public assistance and/or food stamps or  
7 food stamp benefits transferred electronically for which the recipient  
8 is not eligible, or receives public assistance and/or food stamps or  
9 food stamp benefits transferred electronically in an amount greater  
10 than that for which the recipient is eligible, the portion of the  
11 payment to which the recipient is not entitled shall be a debt due the  
12 state recoverable under RCW 43.20B.030 and 43.20B.620 through  
13 43.20B.645. ~~((It shall be the duty of))~~ The department may by rule  
14 determine reporting requirements for recipients of public assistance  
15 and/or food stamps or food stamp benefits transferred electronically to  
16 notify the department ~~((within twenty days))~~ of the receipt or  
17 possession of ~~((all))~~ countable income or resources not previously  
18 declared to the department. The rules shall be consistent with federal  
19 law and regulations governing public assistance programs. The

1 department shall advise applicants for assistance that failure to  
2 report as required, failure to reveal resources or income, and false  
3 statements will result in recovery by the state of any overpayment and  
4 may result in criminal prosecution.

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